

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph after the paragraph ending on page 4, line 9:

--Further scope of the applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.--

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 10, in its entirety.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 13, as follows:

--The present invention ~~can be~~ will become more fully understood ~~by reading from the~~ subsequent detailed description and ~~examples with references made to the accompanying drawings, which are given by way of illustration only, and thus are not limitative of the present invention, and~~ wherein:--